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BLEIBERG IS NOT FOR SALE

— says Croydon boss



● Antolos, Croydon City's president with coach Miron Bleiberg.

"OUR coach is not for sale at any price," an angry Michael Antolos said this week.

The Croydon president was commenting on newspaper reports that Croydon coach Miron Bleiberg had been offered the Preston coaching job.

We understand that Preston was prepared to pay a large sum of money by way of compensation to Croydon, but Antolos refuses to part company with Bleiberg.

Preston has been trying frantically to find another coach since it sacked Ernie Merrick in the wake of a 3-0 defeat by Sydney Olympic on March 27.

Midfielder Ron Campbell stepped into the breach in a caretaker capacity and led the team to a fighting draw away to George Cross and then a good win last Sunday over last season's champion APIA.

But Campbell has turned down the job on a permanent basis, saying he prefers to concentrate on his playing career.

Last year, Preston sacked coach Bill Murray during the mid-season break and appointed his assistant, Merrick, in his place.

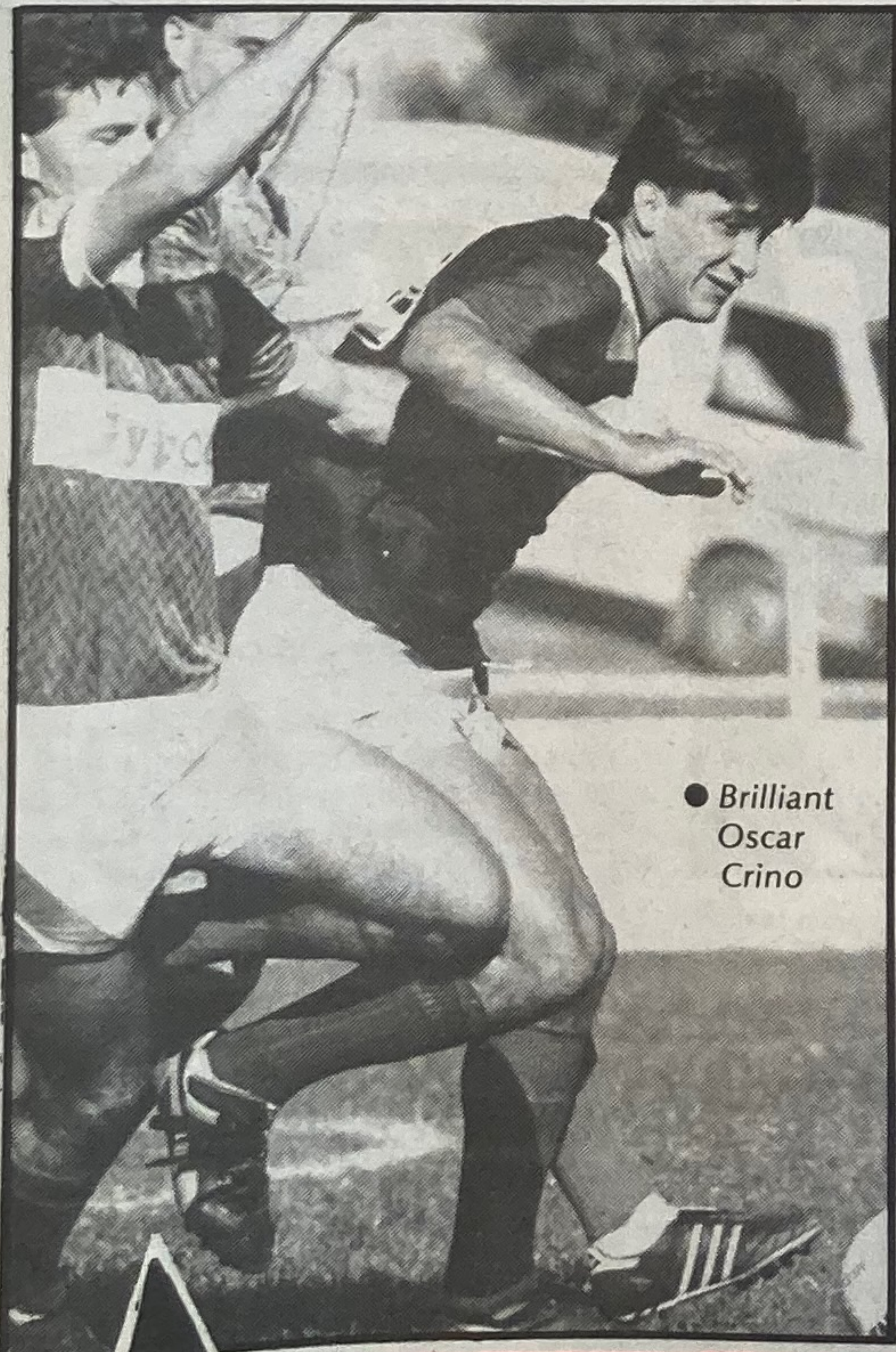
Merrick took the team with an unchanged squad from the

relegation zone to the finals, a feat that earned him the Press Coach of the Year award.

In view of the fact that the team that has just earned itself three points in two games is the same one that Merrick would have picked, doesn't the committee's action in sacking him seem a little premature?

Michael Antolos obviously thinks so, because he says "if Bleiberg goes (to Preston), I'll immediately ask Ernie Merrick to take over at Croydon!"

— LES SHORROCK



● Brilliant Oscar Crino

VSF FINED \$10,000

FIFA has fined the Australian Soccer Federation 10,000 Swiss francs, approximately \$A10,000, for displaying a painted logo on the playing surface at Olympic park on June 3 last year.

The ASF has passed on the fine to the Victorian Soccer Federation because the State body was responsible for staging the match

between Everton and the Socceroos.

ASF Executive Director Brian Emery said this week, "It has never happened in Australia before."

"I had previously informed the State federations that FIFA rules forbid the painting of logos on grounds, but it seems that some states think they are above the laws."

It appears that the inspecting referee at the ground mentioned the logo in his report to FIFA.

Also we believe that a referee from West Australia photographed the offending logo and sent the picture to FIFA headquarters in Zurich.

The fine was gazetted in the latest edition of FIFA News which mentioned that the fine had been imposed on the Australian Federation "for its violation of the rules governing advertising".

We understand that the ASF's appeal against the fine was unsuccessful.

MELB. SHORT CHANGED AGAIN

THE decision to play the Beach Cup-Final as a one off affair in Sydney means that once again Melbourne has been left out in the cold.

After it was realised that Juventus and APIA were to meet in the final, somebody on the NSL Executive must have decided that the two teams were not well enough supported to bother about, so the final was set down for Friday night.

The NSL office, through Peter Russell, said that the rules called for a one-leg final,

contradicting a previous press release sent out only a month ago that said there would be two games, one in Melbourne and one in Sydney.

One wonders if the same decision would have been arrived at if say South Melbourne had been playing Sydney Croatia.

As for the explanation that it is in the rules, that doesn't hold water. The format

of the Cup has altered as many times as the competition has changed its name.

As recently as 1983 the final was a two-legged affair, both won by Sydney Olympic.

In any case, if it was always to be a one-game only final, why fix the draw so that a Melbourne club played a Sydney club in the final.

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IT PAYS TO DREAM

I'm a bit bleary-eyed as I'm writing this. It's Sunday morning and the ritual all of us indulge in is full swing — checking the league ladders.

I go straight to Victorian League Division Two to see where Sandringham is. Then I check Prahran-Brighton's standing.

Joe "Doc" and Paddy McElhinney probably do a similar thing but not quite in that order.

I then look at the results, then check through the ladder fully.

But we all have many other sides that we're interested in. I always head off to the Third Division ladder next, wanting to know how Moorabbin's getting on.

I scan the leagues and many memories are evoked when I see Chelsea lying third from bottom of Division Four, Clayton in 7th spot in Provisional League Division One and the club that once was the mighty Slavia-Prahran — two spots lower in that league's standings.

Ballarat currently lies last in that division and I've got magic memories of trips up there in buses filled close to overflow level with booze and the card games that used to take place in the back of the bus.

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We all have our memories. All of us have lower league clubs that we take an interest in, albeit only on a Sunday morning.

Something really caught my eye last Sunday.

Mooroolbark is just off the pace in Division One of the Victorian Leagues, having made the perfect start to the '88 season.

I don't know about you, but I'd dearly love to see Mooroolbark playing in State League and if I may be allowed to dream for a moment, what a fabulous treat it would be if the one-time black sheep of the VSF and the National League was to achieve what previously was regarded as impossible — winning the State League title and securing NSL status last enjoyed away back in 1977.

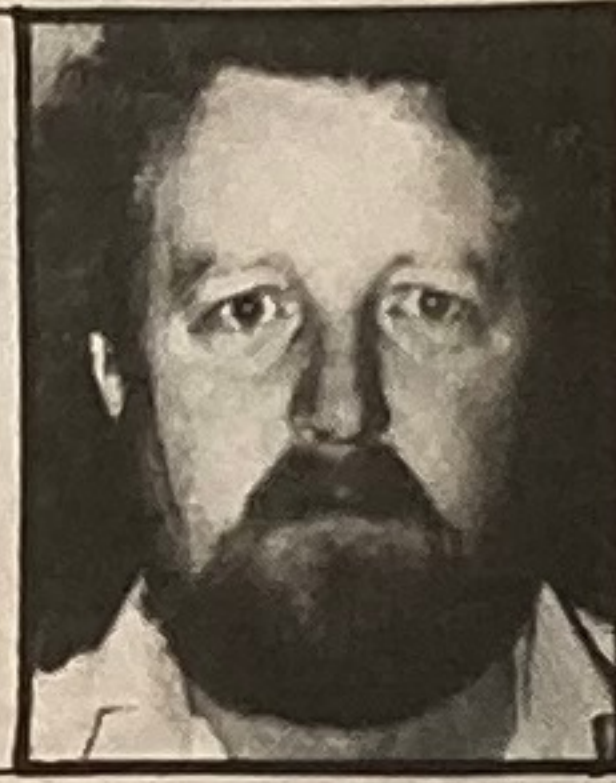
It's a fact of Victorian Soccer life that most of us have done absolutely nothing to develop a soccer tradition.

How many clubs have documented their own comprehensive club history?

If you now decided to do that for your club, where would you start? What does the media and the administrators of soccer in Victoria do to establish then maintain the great traditions that lie hidden in a filing cabinet of a newspaper office or in a former leading administrator's home office buried under a pile of memorabilia?

Let me take you back in time, to 1976, the year Mooroolbark finished third in State

By
**CRAIG
MacKENZIE**



League, 10 points adrift of the all-conquering South Melbourne Hellas.

It was an exciting era in Australian soccer. The push was on for the creation of a national club competition. The VSP was worried. It didn't want to lose its most successful clubs.

Meetings were held behind closed doors. There was more lobbying then ever over this issue that what usually takes place in the corridors of power in the nation's capital.

Mooroolbark took the bit between the teeth. After agreeing to stay under the umbrella of the VSF, the Barkers changed their minds. They became the renegades of Victorian soccer by suddenly joining the newly formed Philips League.

That was the catalyst for the mad scramble that followed. South Melbourne Hellas, Fitzroy United-Alexander (Heidelberg), and Footscray JUST also switched allegiances.

Their decision to join a national competition, to try and better themselves and improve the standard of soccer in this country, got friend against friend and created a bitterness that thankfully is greatly diminished today but lingers nevertheless.

Mooroolbark's first sortie into the big time proved disastrous. Playing the now defunct Western Suburbs at the Sydney Sports Ground in the opening round of the fledgling Philips League season of 1977, the Barkers were hammered 5-0.

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It's fair to say that at that time parochialism took a back seat to the bitterness felt by the VSF bosses at losing their top clubs and no doubt there were quite a few smiles at Soccer House when the result from the Sydney Sports ground came through.

The Mooroolbark team that day was: Ivanoff, Sinclair, G. Ontong, Pongho, Vaughan, Bront, Bosczuk (sub Priestley 77th), Ellis (sub Bailey 51st), Clarey, Irwin and P. Ontong.

Tom Anderson, writing in the now defunct Soccer Action, said: "The only man to really catch the eye in the Mooroolbark team was midfielder Joe Tront. This fellow ran his heart out and has the skill and the ability to play in this class of football."

Tront and Paul Priestley are the only survivors of that side that flew Mooroolbark's banner in that first-round game.

Priestley played in Mooroolbark's 5-2 win at Esther Park last Saturday over Nunawading City while Tront was a spectator.

Tront has resolved his differences with Mooroolbark coach Mike Blunkett and all that remains now is for Tront and the committee to thrash out terms.

But back to the past. Mooroolbark finished last in the Philips League in '77. The front page of the November 9, 1977 issue of Soccer Action carried a story of the uncertainty of Mooroolbark's future in the national competition. It said:

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"Mooroolbark's leadership is reported to be split in the club's future. Some favor withdrawing from the national league, others want to persevere. The club is about \$30,000 in debt."

That was the last issue of Soccer Action for that year. The first issue of the paper for 1978 hit the streets on February 1. By then, Mooroolbark's debt had risen to \$50,000 and the club had been booted out of the Philips League.

Soccer Action reported Philips League manager John Frank as saying that Mooroolbark had been expelled because "it failed to refute certain findings of a sub-committee act up to investigate the club."

Mooroolbark failed to meet a December 20, 1977 deadline by which it should have outlined its case for continued membership. It asked for a January 23 deadline but failed to meet this as well.

Barrie Fairbrother, who had been brought out from England to play for the Barkers, was involved in a clearance wrangle with the club. Fairbrother claimed that he was a free player because his contract stipulated that he was only tied to Mooroolbark while Brian Edgley was coaching.

Early in 1978, Edgley had taken over the coaching reins at Frankston City so Fairbrother joined Brisbane Lions, thinking that he was on a free.

Mooroolbark's committee argued that as

Edgley still was a member of the club, Fairbrother wasn't on a free transfer.

Meanwhile, some powerful men in Victorian soccer rubbed their hands in glee at Mooroolbark's plight.

During 1977, the Melbourne-based national league clubs fielded their second-string sides in the Metropolitan Leagues (now Victorian Leagues).

When Mooroolbark was dumped from the national league, it found itself competing in Third Division of the Metropolitan Leagues. It had been severely spanked for its action of just over 12 months previous.

It was heavily in debt and had to sell its best players.

It seemed that Mooroolbark was condemned to obscurity for all time, a stark reminder of what happens to VSF clubs who don't toe the line.

It's with a delight (spurred by my disdain of the narrow mindedness) that pervades certain sections of the administration of soccer in Victoria that I have watched Mooroolbark rise like a phoenix from the ashes.

It's more than just a love of the underdog. It's the message spelt out by what has happened to Mooroolbark over the past 12 years.

Mooroolbark is the realisations of our dreams for a resurgence of our respective clubs.

It can be done. You simply must keep dreaming.

It's the life-blood of soccer.

So on this Sunday I'll go through the ritual again of checking the league ladders and results.

I'll still go straight to Second Division of the Victorian Leagues but perhaps I'll then switch to First Division before finding out how Mooroolbark's getting on.

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APOLOGIES to John Dyer and all the people associated with Sandringham.

I got blitzed on Saturday night and lost the Soccer Star match report I'd done on Sandringham's 4-1 win over Eltham.

For the record, Sandringham's goals were scored by Jim Nelson (2), Gary McMahon and Mick McGorian and for my money (Nelson, John Cullen and Gary Dillon (even through his crosses were bloody terrible) were Sandy's best.

Sandringham coach Bill Morrey has one hell of a squad down there. He must have, for Danny McCluskey and John Bird were in the reserves!

With a wee bit of luck one of my long-held dreams might come true in '88.

The Sunday newspapers have them on your breakfast table next day, and the dailies have them in full (if they want to use them) for Monday morning. The NSL can't manage that.

The press have to work out the NSL ladder for themselves.

We are told now that Mr Kamasz is not going to be replaced, but that it is all going to be different after July 1, when the much talked about re-organisation of the ASF takes place.

VSF Chairman Jack Reilly caused a great furor when he was interviewed by this newspaper and said that the NSL could be more efficiently administered by the ASF and at a great saving too.

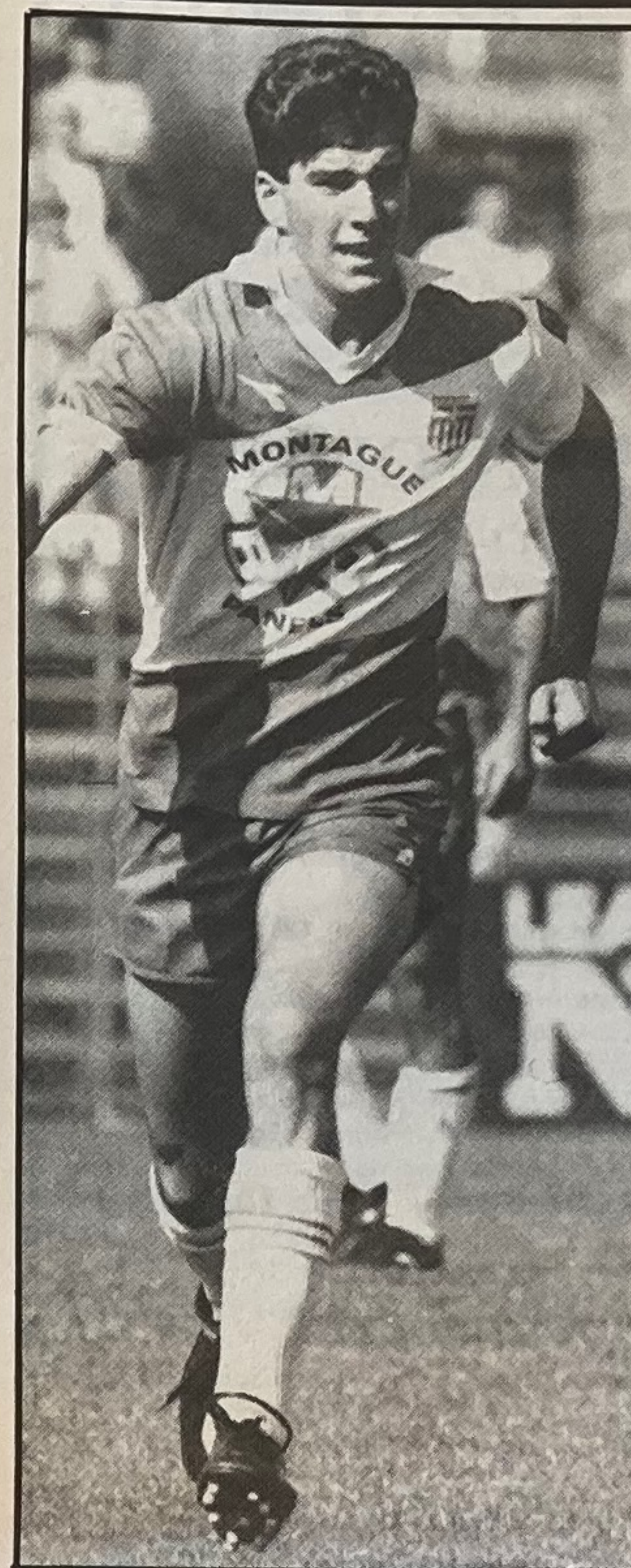
That didn't suit Mr Sam Papasavas or Stefan Kamasz then, but of course Kamasz has since left, and now it appears it might even come to pass.

But I have a better idea.

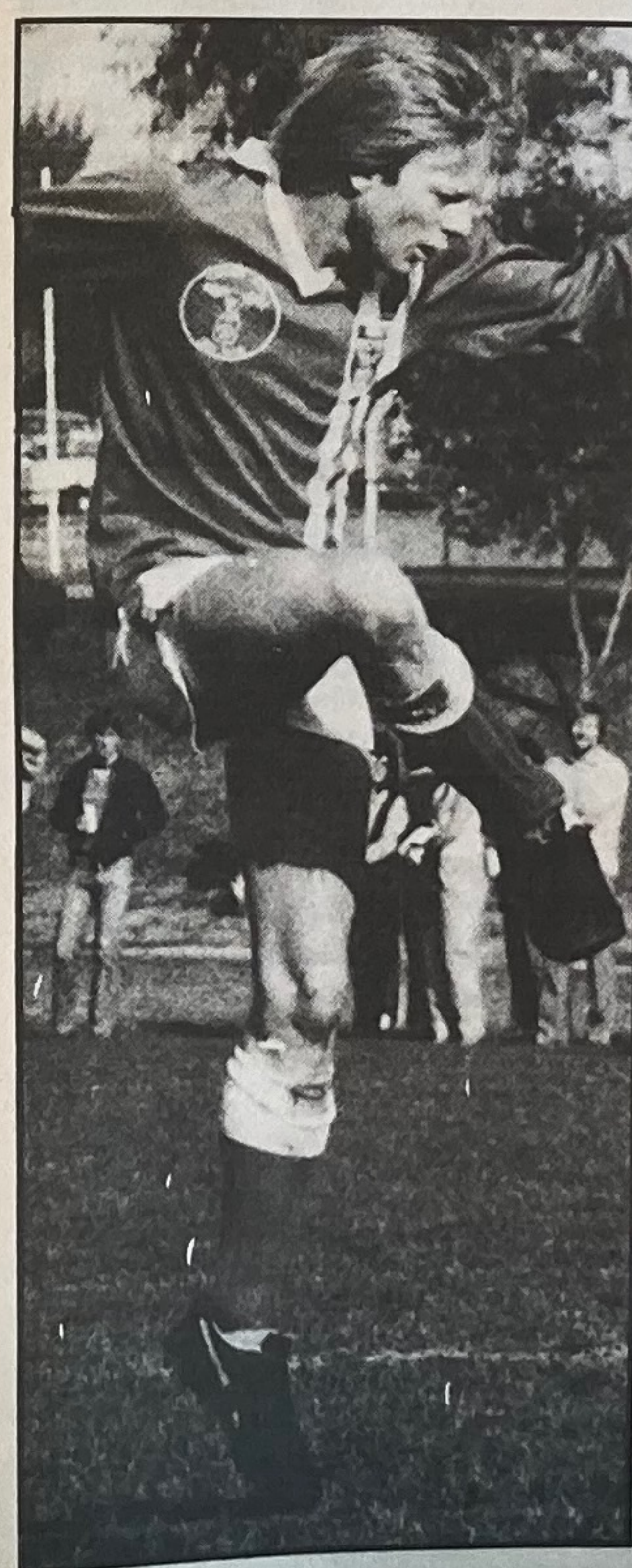
Why not move the NSL administration to Melbourne?

Soccer House has a couple of spare rooms upstairs and since it already looks after a matter of 153 or so clubs, it wouldn't notice another 14 would it?

Don't underestimate young Taliadoros



● Kimon Taliadoros ... "We go for goals".



● Les Gooney ... still waiting.

South's Kimon is kicking on

HE prefers to be called Kimon, not Kim.

The surname is Taliadoros — check the spelling, everyone keeps getting it wrong — and he is South African, not Greek.

Bit by bit the name and the tall, athletic frame are becoming recognisable to the supporters of South Melbourne Hellas.

He missed pre-season training because he was working a summer job at a furniture removalist to save enough money for the second year of his accountancy course at RMIT.

When he rejoined Hellas, the team captain Bobby Russell asked whether it was true that Taliadoros was joining Heidelberg Alexander.

He was to switch clubs in part-exchange for Peter Tsolakis.

It was in the papers but no one had told Taliadoros.

RETAINED

The report turned out to be wrong.

Taliadoros was not only retained by Hellas, he was promoted to the senior squad, having scored about 20 goals — he can't remember the exact number — in the club's youth team in 1987.

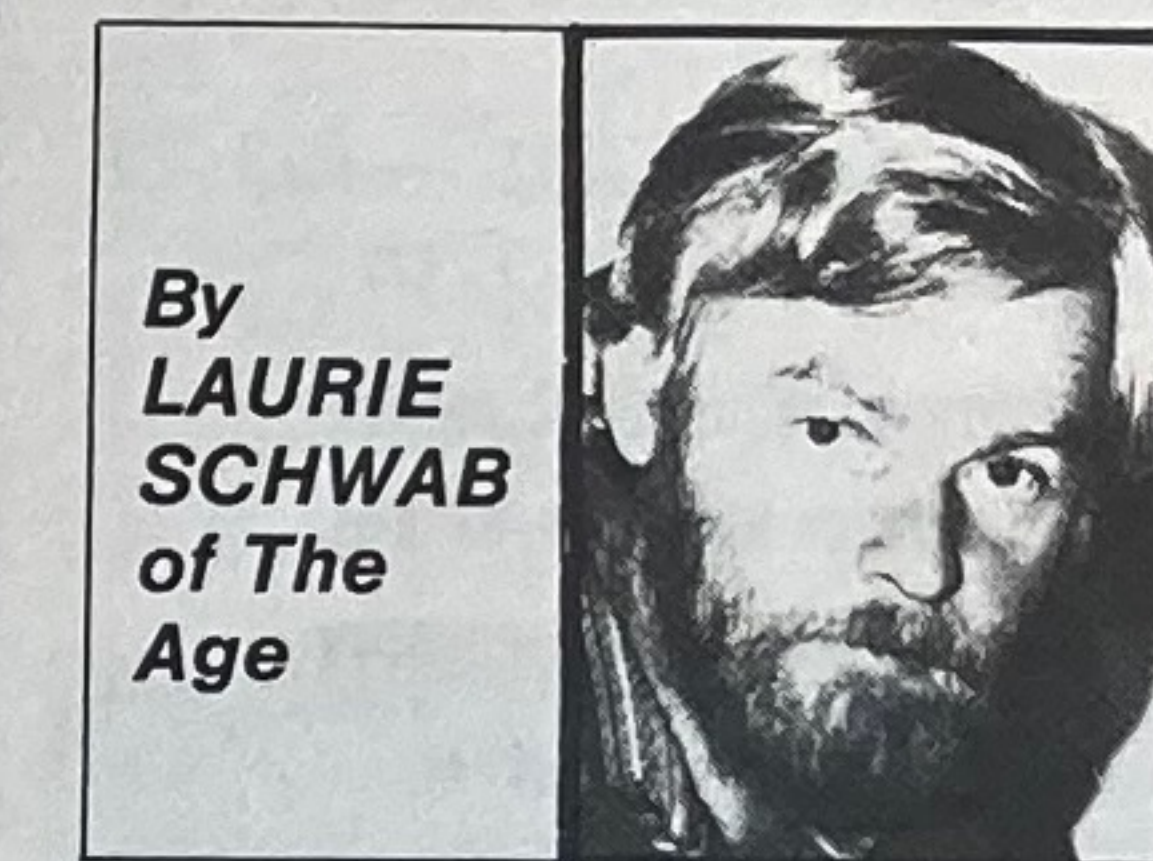
Three weeks ago, with Hellas trailing reigning National League champion APIA 2-3, Taliadoros was sent on as a substitute at Middle Park, scored the equaliser with his first touch of the ball and notched the deciding goal a minute from the end to give Hellas a 5-4 victory.

Then, against rugged Brunswick Juventus, he took on a defender, calm as you like, beat him and

REFS EXEMPT?

ELTHAM is still puzzled over an incident last year when a referee thumped coach Les Gooney who had been hurling a few expletives at him as they both came off the pitch after a match.

Eltham was fined \$200, Gooney was fined \$50 and was suspended for three weeks.



By
**LAURIE
SCHWAB
of The
Age**

scored the first goal of the game. Hellas won 2-1.

He therefore had high hopes for the National Cup semi-final against Juventus at Olympic Park last Wednesday.

It was Taliadoros who had Hellas's first dangerous shot at goal but he finished up on the losing side, Mike Petersen's free kick putting Juventus into the final against APIA.

It was only Hellas's second defeat of the year. Every team has its off days but last Wednesday did nothing to dampen Taliadoros's enthusiasm.

"I reckon we're better than all the teams I've seen this year," he said.

"We go for goals all the time and we get them, while Juventus is generally pretty defensive."

Hellas coach Brian Garvey, who has moulded one of the most exciting teams in Australia after replacing five of his 1985 players, sees Taliadoros as a naturally gifted player of speed, strength and most important, intellect.

"He is a very intelligent person," Garvey said.

"I realise how important it is for a young person to gain academic qualifications and I have taken him aside and asked him to let me know if he

ever feels that soccer is interfering with his studies."

STUDY

Taliadoros, who turned 20 on 28 March, took two years off from soccer in order to concentrate on his senior years at Camberwell Grammar, after having played for the Box Hill juniors up to

Box Hill juniors up to under 15 level.

He had come to Australia at the age of 10 with his mother Ann and his father Zenon, a former representative cricketer with the Transvaal, who died two years ago.

Kimon maintains the family's cricket tradition as a batsman with Bawlywn at sub-district level.

His younger brother Jason, 18, also took a break from soccer to concentrate on secondary school.

Now that he has started

an arts/law course at Melbourne University, he feels he is ready to play again and according to Kimon, he would be an asset to any club.

"He's a defender, a very solid tackler and a really good player. I've had many solid duels with him in the local park," Kimon said.

There may be two Taliadoroses at Hellas soon!

Meanwhile, you can watch Kimon against St George Budapest at Middle Park on Sunday.

P.R. WHAT'S THAT?

THIS article started out to be by way of an apology, because three weeks ago we advertised the wrong kick-off time for the game between Juventus and South Melbourne at the Olympic Village.

But really we shouldn't be apologising, because we were misinformed once again by the NSL office in Sydney.

This season the so-called administration of the NSL has reached new depths of ineptitude and if anything the situation is getting worse by the week.

Let me give a couple of examples.

On Friday last, I rang the Sydney office to confirm the dates and venues and kick-off times for this weekend's round.

Why did I ring when we have a fax machine sitting in the office.

That's simple, the office never replies to my fax messages.

On the rare occasion that it deigns to communicate with me, it sends a press release by mail and Australia Post being what it is, the letter usually takes a week, by which time the fixtures have been changed again.

Well, on Friday as I say, I rang and asked for Peter Russell, who apparently is in charge now that Stefan Kamasz has gone.

Peter Russell wasn't in.

I asked for Maureen, his secretary. She was on holiday.

I got the office junior. "Yes, Mr Shorrock", she said in reply to my query, "all the games are being played according to the fixture list and yes, they are all set down for Sunday and all kick-off at 2.30 pm."

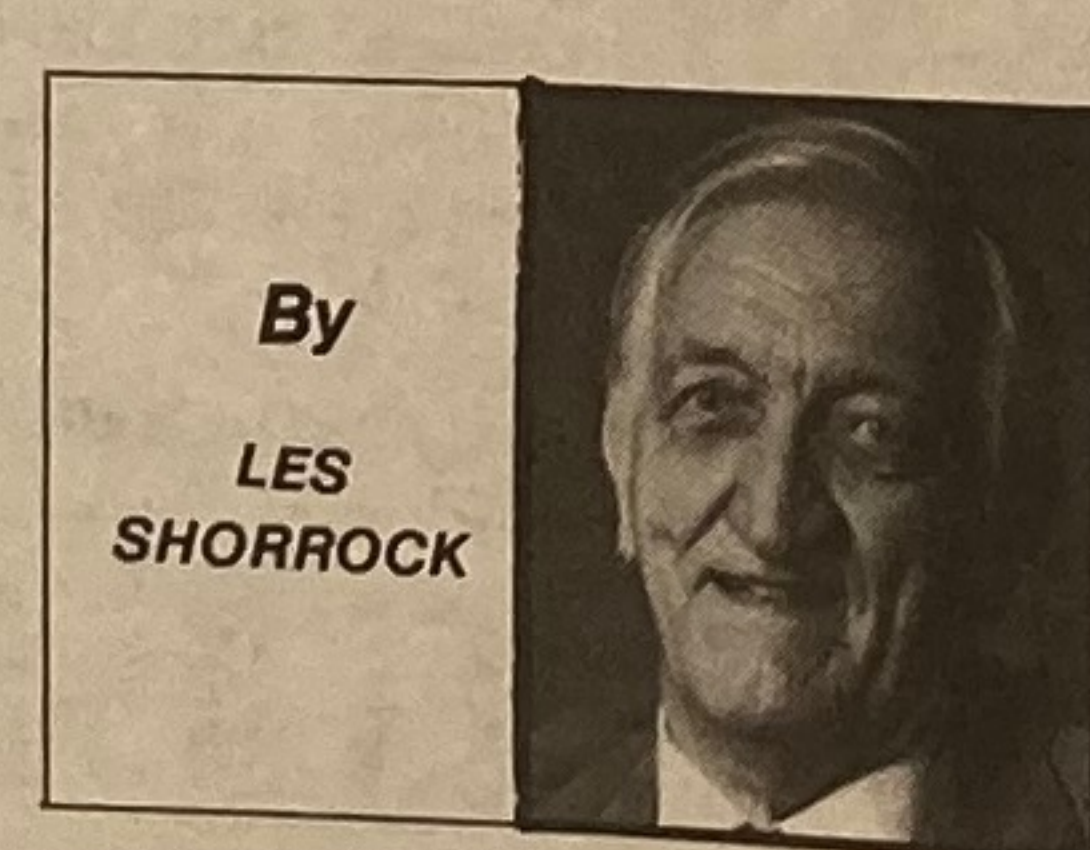
Satisfied, I set the back page and sent it off to the printers. Wrong again.

A chance conversation with a Footscray official revealed that it is playing in Sydney on Saturday night.

Another example is the Beach Cup-final. The NSL, because of its attitude to this newspaper refused to advertise any of the rounds of the Cup, even going so far as to advertise the semi-final between Juventus and South Melbourne in a Sydney newspaper.

That game, by the way, was so well promoted that Olympic Park only learnt that it was to take place 48 hours beforehand, and even then ground manager John Murphy had to ring that Sydney office to make sure.

On the front page of this paper we mention how the decision to play the final as a one-off in Sydney was arrived at and that the game was to be played at St. George tomorrow night at 7.30 pm.



By
**LES
SHORROCK**

Yesterday we even received a press release to say so.

Wrong.

Now the game has been postponed to a later date.

It's all too baffling for words. But contrast with that the way the VSF office works.

Because VSF Executive Director George Wallace takes his job seriously, he is in his office on Saturdays taking down all the scores from all the games played in Victoria, from the State League down to the Fourth Division of the Provisional League.

And by 6.15 on a Saturday night, we have received them all by fax... 16 sets of results and 16 League tables.

HOW THEY STAND

NATIONAL LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTH MELBOURNE	10	5	4	1	18	13	14
MARCONI	9	6	1	2	20	9	13
WOLLONGONG	9	5	3	1	13	9	13
S. GEORGE CROSS	10	4	3	3	16	16	11
MEL CROATIA	8	4	2	2	11	10	10
Sydney Olympic	10	4	2	4	11	7	10
APIA Leichhardt	10	4	1	5	14	16	9
Adelaide City	10	2	5	3	8	13	8
Footscray	10	2	4	4	11	11	8
Sydney Croatia	8	4	0	4	9	15	8
St. George	10	3	1	6	18	17	7
Brisbane Lions	9	3	1	5	14	17	7
Preston Makedonia	10	1	5	4	4	10	7
B. Juventus	0	1	4	4	8	12	6

N.Y.L. ROUND 10 RESULTS

FOOTSCRAY 2 v NUNAWADING CITY 1
MELB CROATIA 0 v OAKLEIGH 3
CAULFIELD CITY 0 v SUNSHINE SX 3
CLIFTON HILL 4 v HEIDELBERG UTD 0
CLARINDA 0 v BU JUVENTUS 6
WAV/MULG UTD 1 v STH. MELBOURNE 2
PRESTON bye

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE — RD. 11 Sunday April 17th

SOUTH MELBOURNE v CLARINDA
BRUNSWICK U.J. v CLIFTON HILL
HEIDELBERG UNITED v PRESTON

OAKLEIGH v FOOTSCRAY

NUNAWADING CITY v WAVELEY/MULGRAVE UTD

SUNSHINE G.X. v MELBOURNE CROATIA

BYE CAULFIELD CITY

Leading Goalscorers

7. Farina (Marc)	6. Postecoglou (SM)
Paul Lewis (MC)	5. Ollerenshaw (St. G)
(2 pens)	Phillips (APIA)
	Spink (Foots)
4. Gray (Marc)	
Palatsides (Juve)	
R. Stewart (Lions)	
Saad (Olymp) (2 pens)	
Tasios (SM)	
3. Clark (GX)	
Crino (Foots)	
Easthorpe (Woll)	
Egan (Juve)	
Koczka (St. G)	
Lennon (GX)	
Maxwell (Adcity)	
Meredith (Lions)	
Taliodoros (SM)	
Trimboli (SM)	
Vidmar (Adcity)	
2. Ainsworth (Woll) (Ipen)	
Brazil (Woll)	
Brodnik (Woll)	
Carter (GX)	
Dimoski (Foots)	
Drucry (Lions)	
Gomez (Marc)	
Hagan (St. G)	
Lightbown (Lions)	
Lowe (Marc)	
Murphy (M. Cro)	
Nastevski (Marc)	
Pontidas (Olymp)	

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NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

BEACH CUP SEMI-FINAL

JUVENTUS 1 (Petersen 65th SOUTH MELBOURNE 0
at Olympic Park, Wednesday April 6. Crowd 3100. Referee G. Power.
Power. — Lewis, Brown, McDowall, Marley —
JUVENTUS: Marrama — Lewis, Brown, McDowall, Marley —
Petersen, Patterson (McGrellis 75th), Incantalupo (Dowie 88th),
Lane — Egan, Palatsides. Coach Len McKendry.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Giatas — Healy, Russell, Blair, Postecoglou
— Kalogeros, Wade, Tsolakis (Micheil 85th) Taliodoros (Tasios
70th), Wright, Trimboli. Coach Brian Garvey.

ROUND TEN DETAILS

FOOTSCRAY 0 MARCONI 1 (Farina 69th)
at Schintler Reserve, Sunday. Crowd 2,500. Referee D. Voutsinas.
FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic — Fabrizio, Karic, van Egmond,
Barjaktarevic — Murphy, Mitrovski (James 85th), Crino (Lujic 74th),
Bozinovski — Spink, Dimoski. Coach Mirsad Fazlagich.
MARCONI: Catlin — Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Wheatly —
Mason, Gomez, Gray, McCulloch — Farina, Lowe. Coach Berti
Mariani.

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Lamond 4th)
**SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (Postecoglou 37th, 78th,
Wright 62nd)**
at Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday. Crowd 1850. Referee J.
McConnell.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken — Savor, Hunter, Rozic, Jennings —
Cinch, Slater, Rezo (Bozic 67th), Clinch, Jones, Petkovic — Slater,
Lamond K (Krislovic 61st). Coach Vedran Rozic.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Giatas — Healy, Russell, Blair, Micheil —
Kalogeros Wade (Fernandes 80th), Taliodoros (Tsolakis 46th),
Postecoglou — Trimboli, Wright. Coach Brian Garvey.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Paul Lewis 10th, 82nd,
87th)**
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Ironsides 55th).

at Olympic Park, Sunday. Crowd 1770. Referee C. Bambridge
Caution Saad (S.O)

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver — Davidson, Dobson, Hannah,
Heys — Biskic, Talajic (Donnelly 74th), Milosevic, Selemidis —
Scott, Lewis. Coach Ian Wallace.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier — Hooker, Haniotis, Phillips, Barrett —
Ironsides, Saad, Polak, Lee — Soper, Kosmina. Coach Eddie
Thomson.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0
at Olympic Sportsfield, Sunday. Crowd 3135. Referee D. Campbell.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskohus, Tobin —
Melta, Vidmar, Northcote (Santrac 72nd), Villani — Maxwell
(Sorensen 80th) Mullen. Coach Zoran Matic.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Marth, Parton, Waaddell,
Campelj — McLaren, Carter, Markovski (Ketsakidis 75th), Lennon
(Katzamichalis 87th) — Markovac, Clark. Coach John Gardiner.

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Campbell 59th, Stevenson
79th)**

APIA LEICHHARDT 0
at Connor Reserve, Sunday. Crowd 1500. Referee J. Fearn. Cautions
Bertogna (Ap), Jackson, Tasevski (P.M.)

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianides — Opasinis, Jackson, Tasevski,
Roadhouse — Stewart, Petrov, Campbell, Gojevic — Smith,
Stevenson. Caretaker Coach Ron Campbell.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Greedy — de Marigny, Yankos, Bertogna,
Reynolds — Bundalo, Tredinnick (McKinna 67th), Watson, Butler —
Ward, Phillips. Coach Doug Utjesenovic.

ST. GEORGE 1 (Ilic 36th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1
(Palatsides 69th)
at St. George Stadium, Sunday Crowd 960. Referee P. LorenC.

ST. GEORGE: Gibson — O'Connor, Koczka (Ilic 21st), O'Shea,
Grbevski — Ricoy, Hagan, Tortevski, Pottier — Ollerenshaw,
Petkovski (Kakakios 68th). Coach Frank Arok.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama — Lewis (Yzendoorn 54th,
Brown, McDowall, Marley — Incantalupo, Patterson, Petersen,
Palatsides (McGrellis 70th) — Zinni, Egan. Coach Len McKendry.

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FOOTSCRAY DISAPPOINTS

FOOTSCRAY 0
MARCONI 1 (Farina
69th)
MERCURIAL Foot-
scray again disappointed
its fans with another in
and out performance against
Marconi.

Whilst it could be said
that Footscray domin-
ated the game, it never
turned it to its advantage
and it seemed that for long
periods too many players
were content to stand back
and admire Oscar Crino's
skills.

The Marconi players
didn't though, and Crino
was effectively policed by

two and sometimes three
defenders.

The rest of the team did
nothing and to make
matters worse, Footscray
presented the points to
Marconi on a platter late
in the second half.

A mix-up between
Rade Barjaktarevic and
Zoran Nikitovic led to the
goalkeeper being slow to
reach a back-pass and
then try frantically to kick
away.

But the ball rebounded
to the lurking Frank
Farina and the League's
top goalscorer doesn't
miss too many of those.

Man of the match: OSCAR CRINO

Footscray had one
purple patch when it put
the Marconi defence
under great pressure and
had goalkeeper Bob
Catlin scrambling away
corner after corner.

Vlado Bozinovski had
one shot at point-blank
range blocked by Steve
Calderan right on the line,
but after that the Blues'
efforts just petered out in
the face of a well-
organised team effort.

PRESTON AT LAST!

PRESTON
MAKEDONIA 2
(Campbell 59th, Steven-
son 79th)

APIA
LEICHHARDT 0
A goal by caretaker coach
Ron Campbell set up the
win that the long-suffering
Preston fans have been
fervently awaiting for nine
weeks.

But APIA should have
taken an early lead when
Hilton Phillips connected
the Jean-Paul de Marigny
corner in the seventh
minute, but his shot hit
the bar, but his shot hit the
cross bar.

Man of the match: RON CAMPBELL

Campbell missed two
chances late in the first
half, but he made no mis-
take in the 59th minute,
when he rose to head John
Stewart's cross into the
net.

Stuart Stevenson paid
back a little of his \$7,500
transfer fee in the 79th
minute when he headed
home a cross from Con
Opasinis.

SYDNEY CROATIA
1 (Lamond 4th)
SOUTH
MELBOURNE 3
(Postecoglou 38th, 78th,
Wright 63rd)

THE day that started out
so well for Sydney Croatia
with news of a big
sponsorship worth
\$250,000 over three years
ended in disaster, as
South, after an early
setback ran the Sydney
team off its feet.

The normally shot-shy
Manis Lamond put
Croatia in front as early as
the 4th minute, after
Shane Clinch had already

fired two hard snap-shots.
And Croatia seemed
poised to capitalise as
Mark Jones went close
and Alan Hunter headed
against the upright.

But Croatia's
momentum faded and
after Angie Postecoglou,
pushed up into midfield,
equalised in the 38th
minute South gained the
ascendancy and never
looked back.

DEADLY LEWIS

Man of the match: ANGIE POSTECOGLOU

In the 62nd minute a
mistake by Tony Franken
allowed Wright to put
South ahead and
Postecoglou completed
the rout with another goal
12 minutes from the end.

IT WAS SO DULL!

MELBOURNE
CROATIA 3 (Lewis
10th, 82nd, 87th)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC
1 (Ironsides 55th)

ONLY a matter of three
weeks ago, Paul Lewis
was going through a
drought and his future at
Melbourne Croatia
seemed in doubt as the
club was talking about
bringing in a striker from
overseas.

But on Sunday night he
was the hero of the hour
having doubled his
season's tally with a hat-

Man of
the match:
PAUL LEWIS

trick against Sydney
Olympic.

His first goal was a gem
as he ran onto a through
pass from Mark Talajic,
lobbed the ball coolly over
the advancing Gary Meier
and then turned the ball
into the empty net.

That was in the tenth
minute and although
Croatia remained in
command, its finishing let
it down.

Robert Ironside,
playing his first game for
Olympic, jolted Croatia
back to reality in the 55th
minute when he ran onto a
long throw from Gary
Phillips and headed past
Jeff Olver.

But it was Lewis to the
rescue in the 82nd minute
when Theo Selemidis
headed on a Josip Biskic
corner for Lewis to run the
ball home from close
range.

Five minutes he ran on
to a good ball from Biskic
and banged the ball glee-
fully past Meier for his
hat-trick.



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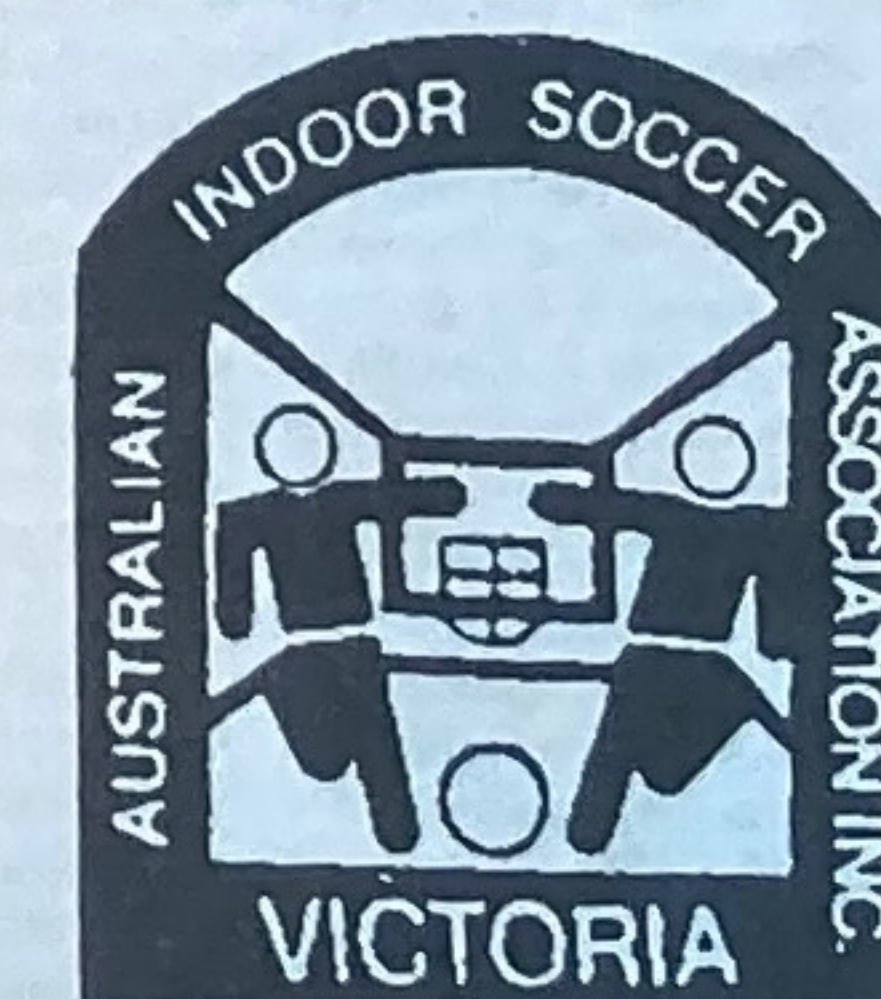
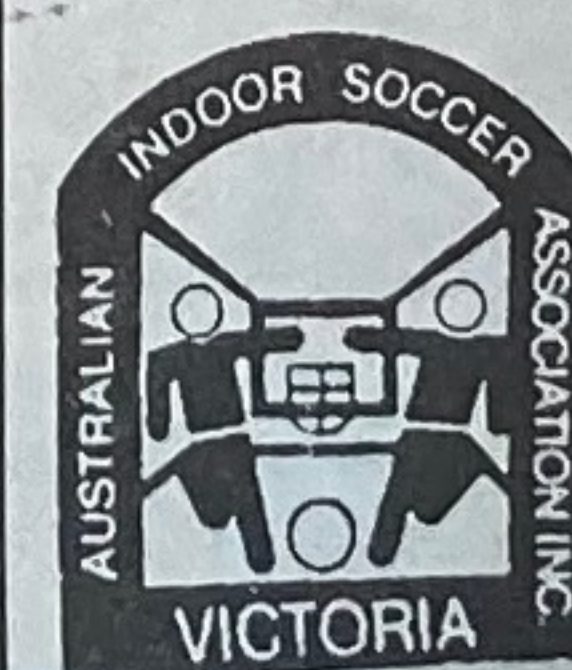
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DETAILS ROUND SIX

OAKLEIGH 2 (Ward 2nd, Polites 58th) RINGWOOD CITY 0
at Caloola Reserve, Saturday. Referee B. Grant.
OAKLEIGH: Kardamitsis 8 — Nicolaidis 6 (Laletis 85th), Polites 7, Guscic 7, Hallford 6 — Grutzmacher 6, Livingstone 9, Vardaxis 8, Ross 7 — Stamatis 7. Ward 7. Coach Takis Sviggos.
RINGWOOD CITY: Jensen 7 — May 6, Nolan 6, Whitehouse 6, Cumming 6 — Corvan 6, Nelson 6, Jones 5 (Haupt 78th), Davie 5 (Morks 71st) — Middlemast 7, Nijholt 6. Caretaker coach Gary Groenwald.
Best Player Award: Livingstone (0) 3, Vardaxis (0) 2, Kardamitsis (0) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Jeff Doyle 33rd) GREEN GULLY 0
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee B. Upjohn. Cautions McClelland (G.G.) Bennett (MF).
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds 7 — Bennett 6, Webster 7, Bruns 8, Clarke 8 — Jeff Doyle 7, Drakeford 6, Jim Doyle 6, Cassar 7 — Stirton 6 (Sokoluk 77th), O'Callaghan 8. Coach Bob McLachlan.
GREEN GULLY: Sant 7 — Napoli 6, Cannell 7, McClelland, Grimaud 6 — O'Donnell 7, Wilson 6 (Cutler 75th), Farquarson 6, Douglas 7 — Quigley 8, Milenkovic 6, (Romanovski 80th). Coach Willie Vassallo.
Best Player Award: Bruns (MF) 3, Quigley (G.G.) 2, O'Callaghan (MF) 1.

BULLEEN 0 FAWKNER 0

At Veneto Club, Saturday. Referee M. Gaut. Caution K. Storm.
BULLEEN: Contini 8 — Ruccia 6, Boin 7, Krajacic 6, Curulli 7 — Angele 6, Trogrlic 7, Boarotto 6, Boziskas 6 — Keenan 5 (Curcio 79th), D'Amico (Sella 72nd). Coach Jim Rooney.
FAWKNER: Wilson 8 — Schipano 6 (Walsh 67th), Hennessy 7, Henderson 6, Angele 6 — Jankulovski 5 (Sabatino 57th), Cullen 6, Verechia 6, Storm 5 — Brown 6, Stenson 6. Coach Mike Lynn.
Best Player Award: Contini (B) 3, Wilson (F) 2, Curulli (B) 1.

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Roubos 7th, Dimovski 63rd) CAULFIELD CITY 3 (Cuzzella 18th, Goutzioulis 38th, Harris pen. 82nd).

At Ralph Reserve, Sunday. Referee R. Simonis.
WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 7 — Kagioglou 6, Hamill 6, Markovski 6, Dimovski 6 — Tuck 6, Kopsafis 6, Vo 6 (Stefanidis 65th), Esposito 6 — Metaxas 6, Roubos 6. Coach Jim Condilis.
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer 5 — Bitsonis 6, Harris 5, Fattore 8, Filipou 6 — Hamakiotis 6, Voutziaris 5 (HT Abraam), Griffin 6, Alagizidis 6 — Cuzzella 6 (inj. HT Zemunik), Goutzioulis 6. Coach Rocco Ille.
Best Player Award: Fattore (C) 3, Hatzilazarou (W) 2, Bitsonis (C) 1.

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 BOX HILL (Brimmer 42nd)

At Ross Reserve Sunday. Referee C. Ellis.
SPRINGVALE: Boland 6 — Rau 7, Bissinger 6, Adams (inj. Bryden 15th) Bozic 7 — Kral 6, Findlay 6, Bell 6, White 7 — Hennessy 6, Morrey 7. Coach Gus MacLeod.
BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — McMorow 6, Davidson 7, Martinucci 8, Roodhouse 7 — Brimmer 7, Burton 7, Campbell 7, McAleer 7 (Mori 82nd) — McBride 7, Aretis 7. Coach John Brown.
Best Player Award: Martinucci (BH) 3, McKinlay (BH) 2, Roodhouse (BH) 1.

CROYDON CITY 1 (Humble 38th) HEIDELBERG 0

At Town Park Sunday. Referee F. Deak. Cautions Humble, R. Runje, Brack, McIntosh, (Croy), Kanesoulis, Raynes (H).
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje 8 — Brown 7, Redmond 6 (Langsbury 65th), McIntosh 8, van Egmond 6 — Brack 7, Flavell 6, Campbell 7, R. Runje 7 — Humble 7, French 6. Coach Miron Bleiberg.
HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — Fraser 7, Patiniotis 7, Ousalkas 6, Kanesoulis 7 — Pappas 6, Valentine 7, Lucchesi 7, Theodosopoulos 7 — Anastasiadis 8, Raynes 6. Coach Terry Hennessy.
Best Player Award: McIntosh (C) 3, M. Runje (C) 2, Anastasiadis (H) 1.

THOMASTOWN 2 (McGuinness 67th, Carfora 86th) MARIBYRNONG (Warszawski 29th).

At Partridge Reserve, Sunday. Referee N. Zacharidis. Caution Stojcevski (M).
THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7 — Arcoraci 6, McMillan 7, Higgins 7, De Property 8 — Dougherty 6, Carfora 7, Lewis 6 (Pianalto 54th), Ragusa 7 — Athersych 6, McGuinness 7. Coach Bill Murray.
MARIBYRNONG: Kostrazewa 7 — Liplaris 6, Innes 8, Stojcevski 6, Czapnik 6 — Baran 6 (de Bono 67th), Watson 6, Chetcuti 7, Bonk 8 — Lakic 6, Warszawski 7. Coach Jim McIntyre.
Best Player Award: De Property (T) 3, Bonk (M) 2, Innes (M) 1.

ST ALBANS 2 (Kelic 35th, Duzel 55th) NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Bekiaris 7th, Woodall 55th)

At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee A. Frangou. Sent off Thodis (N).
ST ALBANS: Rados 6 — Dragovic 6, Gagula 6, Colina 6, Juric — Rastocic, Duzel 7, Culina 6, Macasevic 6 — Popovski 6, Kelic 7. Coach Tony Vrzina.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia 8 — Leonardos 6, Palmaricciotti 7, Kouremenos 6, J. Constantinou 7 — Woodall 7, Thodis (sent off 35th), Ramos 7, N. Constantinou 7 — Gilder 6, Bekiaris 6, Coach Roy McLaren.
Best Player Award: Turudia (N) 3, Duzel (St. A) 2, Woodall (N) 1.

PACIFIC TIMBER STATE LEAGUE

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HEIDELBERG	6	5	0	1	13	3	10
NORTHCOTE CITY	6	4	2	0	11	3	10
CROYDON CITY	6	4	2	0	6	1	10
ST ALBANS	6	3	2	1	10	9	8
Caulfield City	6	2	3	1	8	5	7
Green Gully	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
Thomastown	6	3	1	2	4	6	7
Box Hill	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
Maribyrnong	6	2	1	3	8	9	5
Springvale City	6	1	3	2	3	6	5
Bulleen	6	1	3	2	3	6	5
Oakleigh	6	1	2	3	4	6	4
Morwell Falcons	6	1	2	3	2	5	4
Fawkner	6	1	1	4	2	5	3
Ringwood City	6	1	1	4	7	12	3
Western Suburbs	6	1	0	5	6	13	2

RESERVES

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 CAULFIELD CITY 6
BULLEEN 1 FAWKNER 2
MORWELL FALCONS 1 GREEN GULLY 1
CROYDON CITY 1 HEIDELBERG 0
THOMASTOWN 3 MARIBYRNONG 1
SPRINGVALE CITY 1 BOX HILL 2
ST ALBANS 1 NORTHCOTE CITY 3
OAKLEIGH 1 RINGWOOD CITY 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northcote City	6	5	1	0	21	6	11
Box Hill	6	5	0	1	23	7	10
Caulfield City	6	4	1	1	18	6	9
Green Gully	6	4	1	1	14	7	9
Fawkner	6	4	1	1	12	7	9
Morwell Falcons	6	3	2	1	9	6	8
Ringwood City	6	3	0	3	17	13	6
Thomastown	6	2	2	2	12	15	6
Heidelberg Utd	6	2	2	2	13	17	6
Bulleen	6	2	1	3	12	10	5
Maribyrnong	6	2	1	3	11	13	5
St Albans	6	2	1	3	10	15	5
Croydon City	6	2	0	4	7	6	4
Western Suburbs	6	1	1	4	5	21	3
Springvale City	6	0	0	6	3	18	0
Oakleigh	6	0	0	6	5	25	0

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LEADERS AFTER ROUND 6

9. M. Runje (Croy)	5. Banovic (Heid)
8. Higgins (Thom)	Cullen (Fawk)
Hatzilazarou (W.S.)	Davidson (B.H.)
Quigley (G.G.)	Douglas (G.G.)
7. Ramos (North)	Raynes (Heid)
Burton (B.H.)	4. Bruns (M.F.)
McIntosh (Croy)	Contini (Bull)
6. Culina (St. Alb)	Theoharous (Caul)
McKinlay (B.H.)	Nijholt (Ring)
Lucchesi (Heid)	Turudia (North)
Warszawski (Mar)	Woodall (North)



● ST. ALBANS
Back Row (left to right): Ahmet Abdaltam, Ivan Kelic, Mick Colina, Joe Rados, Zaliko Gagula, Bill Popovski, Ivan Duzel.
Front row (left to right): Rastocic, Ivan Juric, Branko Culina, Eddy Hubolic.
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IT'S TIGHT AT THE TOP

- GALLANT NORTHCOTE SURVIVES
- MORWELL FALCONS COME GOOD
- BERGERS BITE THE DUST

CROYDON demolished any illusions that Heidelberg would be running away with this year's State League championship with a narrow win in an exciting encounter last Sunday.

And with Northcote hanging on for a well-earned draw at St Albans to preserve its unbeaten record the situation at the top of the table has become very interesting indeed.

The top three are separated only by goal difference and they have opened up a two point break over St Albans.

But whilst the tight competition for the top four will inject much-needed life into the competition, there is some disquiet being felt about the dearth of goals.

Seventeen goals were scored in last weekend's round, but of those, nine were scored in two games at St Albans and Western Suburbs.

That leaves a mere eight goals spread between the other twelve clubs, hardly an advertisement for attacking soccer.

Fear of relegation seems to have gripped the clubs in the lower half of the League.

State League Preview By BRIAN JAMES

We said it before and we'll say it again, relegating six clubs at one time is doing too much and too hastily. It could be more than six too, if by some mischance the two clubs being relegated from the NSL happen to be Melbourne ones.

The English Football League, when it decided to reduce the number of clubs in its First Division, instituted a system of playoffs between the fourth bottom First Division club and the third, fourth and fifth top clubs of the Second Division.

Why can't something similar be adopted here?

Under the present arrangements, we are expected to believe that the second club in the Second Division is more worthy to be a member of the State League than the club that finishes tenth in the State League and that

is, to put it bluntly, non-ensical.

Another aspect of this season's State League competition that needs looking into is the matter of refereeing appointments.

The most important game of the competition so far, it could be argued, was that between Croydon City and Heidelberg last Sunday.

So it was staggering to see that the referee chose was making his State League debut. Incidentally, it was not only staggering to me, but to some senior referees I spoke to.

(Incidentally, despite the edict that has been issued that referees shouldn't talk to press men, particularly those associated with Soccer Star, most still speak to me, bless 'em).

What short memories the referees' appoint-

ments panel must have! Have they already forgotten the unseemly fracas that broke out two years ago when 'Turkey' met 'England' in the pre-season mini World Cup?

The referee who was in charge of that game was appointed to the Croydon v. Heidelberg clash and is well-known for his uncompromising attitude towards players.

I'll show them who's boss seems to be his stance, and so it proved on Sunday. He found it necessary to issue no fewer than six yellow cards.

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Division with Borovo.

On Sunday Northcote showed that its high State League position is no fluke, by refusing to lie down even though reduced to ten men and a goal down.

Norman Woodall secured a well-deserved equaliser with a splendid strike, but the Saints must still be wondering how they missed those point-blank chances in the first half with the wind behind them.

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Caulfield first goal didn't come until the last minute of the fourth round, then along came this youngster from the juniors who in two weeks banged in four goals, half his team's total and who immediately soared to the top of League's goal-scorers list.

It's like Roy of the Rovers, only it's real... more power to the lad.

Maybe he can show Fawkner's forwards what to do, they've only hit the net twice so far, although I'm told it wasn't for want of trying on Dougie Brown's part last season.

Heidelberg has switched its game with Morwell Falcons to Saturday, please note, to accommodate Juventus which is sharing the Olympic Village this season.

This should be the highlight of the round, with Morwell now on the rise after a disappointing start. Morwell has too many good players to be down in Reilly's cellar for long.

St. Albans, strengthened by the return of Grgic and Kuzman could prove too strong for struggling Ringwood where all is not well.

Rob Nelson, dumped as coach is still playing but has asked the VSF to allow him another transfer with the club's blessing and the Board is considering his case.

Oakleigh is another club that has finally found its shooting boots and that is not good news for its Saturday visitor, Western Suburbs.

Green Gully suffered its first defeat last week, but it will probably get back on the winning trail at home against Bulleen.

ROUND SEVEN: Saturday — Heidelberg v. Morwell Falcons. Olympic Village. **OAKLEIGH v. Western Suburbs.** Caloola Reserve.

SUNDAY: Maribyrnong v. CROYDON CITY at Raleigh Reserve. **GREEN GULLY v. Bulleen** at Gully Reserve. **Ringwood City v. ST ALBANS** at Jubilee Park. **NORTHCOTE CITY v. Springvale City** at John Cain Reserve. **BOX HILL v. Thomastown** at Wembley Park. **Fawkner v. CAULFIELD CITY** at Smith Reserve.

STATE LEAGUE GOALSCORERS Round 6

4. Duzel (St. Alb)

Goutzioulis (Caul)

Nijholt (Ring)

Pappas (Heid)

3. Kelic (St. Alb)

G. Runje (Croyd)

Warszawski (Mar)

2. Anastasiadis (Heid)

Aretis (Box)

Burton (Box)

de Bono (Croyd)

French (Croyd)

Morovic (Heid)

Popovski (St Alb)

Przbyla (Mar)

Ramos (North)

Theodosopoulos (H)

Thodis (North)

Trogrlic (Bull)

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The keeper who came in from the cold



● Yakka Banovic ... "Being out of soccer was sheer torture."

FOR six weeks now Yakka Banovic has been putting on the style with Heidelberg United in the State League while, at the same time, thanking his lucky stars that he is able to do so.

No, Banovic has not been troubled by injury. In fact he has been rather lucky in that department. He sees rather less of club physiotherapists than most goalkeepers.

What really makes him feel fortunate at the moment is that Heidelberg was able to raise the cash to get him back in the game after a year's absence through nothing more than a difference of opinion with Juventus.

He was put up for sale, but there were no buyers. Not because of any doubts concerning his ability, but because of the fee — \$15,000.

Not too many clubs were willing to lay out that kind of money for a goalkeeper and as the months went by and he was still idle, he became less and

less an attractive proposition.

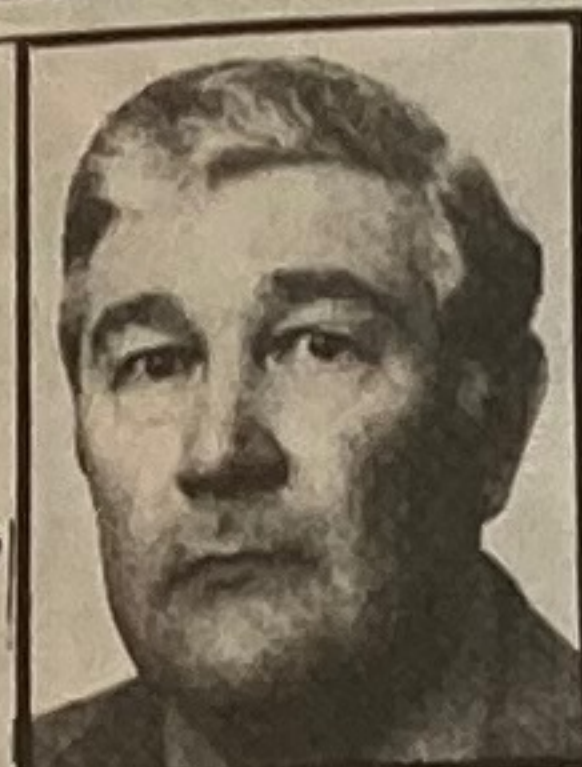
"It was the worst time of my life," he says with feeling.

"Being out of soccer and not seeing any immediate way back was sheer torture.

"I really can't explain it properly. It's like having your whole existence threatened. You know you are good enough to play, but no one seems to want you. Talk about being an outcast."

It was indeed very strange that a keeper who cost English first division club Derby County \$100,000 when he first moved from Heidelberg six years ago could possibly be left out in the cold here.

By
BOB BRIAN
of the
Melbourne Herald



He had represented Australia several times and was generally considered to be this country's outstanding goalkeeper. This time the English soccer certainly didn't do him any harm.

But there he was. Unwanted by Juventus and when Heidelberg came along, he jumped at the chance to return.

"I had been out of action for several months and the future didn't look too bright, but Heidelberg was rebuilding a team to go back to the National League and it didn't take too long to decide.

"I really am grateful to them for giving me this chance and I can't think of a better way to repay the

club than to help it achieve its ambition," he said.

At the moment, Heidelberg is on course for promotion despite its loss to Croydon City last Sunday and Banovic has done his part by conceding only three goals.

So there is every reason for confidence and as Banovic says: "We have done really well so far considering the team has had to be rebuilt almost completely."

That's true. Jeff Oliver, Alan Hunter, Steve Marley, Theo Sclimidis, Andy Deeley, Peter Tsolakis and Laurie McCinna have all moved on leaving coach Terry Hennessy with a huge task to regain promotion in one season while rebuilding the team.

But Banovic is convinced that success will come.

"There are a few youngsters but they are playing well and with a great deal of confidence. If they can keep it up, we will certainly be in with a very good chance," he says.

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Back Row: Alex Jolkity (masseur), Terry Hennessy (coach), Claude Luchesi, Mike Valentine, Dennis Morovic, Yaka Banovic, Nick Ousalkas, Scott Fraser, John Anastasiadis, Jim Kriris (Manager)
Front Row: Michael Chatzitrifonios, Con Pappas, Arthur Patiniotis, John Kanesoulis, Willie Raynes, Lou Theodosopoulos, Peter Bordignon

A mere six months ago, Heidelberg was a shattered club. Melbourne's most successful National League club with a proud record was due to be relegated to the State League in circumstances that caused great bitterness. But out of those ashes, Heidelberg has risen Phoenix-like to new heights.

A new committee, headed by Lewis Yionnides has brought an air of professionalism and the smell of success is in the air once again.

When Yionnides took over, the club owed at least half a million dollars.

Now most of that has been paid off, a lot coming from the sale of players, and the fans are flocking back.

In fact it is no exaggeration to say that Heidelberg is proving a better drawcard in the State League than some local NSL clubs. The club has also been shrewd by taking Juventus as a co-tenant, a move that will bring in something like an extra \$15,000 this season.

Club stalwart Jim Kriris was appointed manager, and he takes the burden of the day-to-day running off the shoulders of coach Terry Hennessy.

The appointment of Terry Hennessy as coach was something of a coup for the 'Bergers.

No-one in the game in Australia has had more professional experience at the highest level than Hennessy.

Capped 39 times for Wales, he was also captain of Birmingham City, Nottingham Forest and Derby County in a long and distinguished career.

He came to Australia after guiding American club Tulsa

Roughnecks to victory in the Superbowl Final, a feat that earned him the United States' Coach of the Year award.

His task this year is twofold ... he has to rebuild a team that lost eight players with National League experience and at the same time win the State League championship to give Heidelberg the opportunity to get back into the National League if there is one next year.

Hennessy is very forthcoming about his squad and its chances. "My only eger", he says "is that I didn't get this job sooner.

"When I sat down to sort what we had, I found that we had lost or were losing eight first team players, and I had to move quickly, because there wasn't much time to negotiate and there weren't too many options open to me.

"We got most of the players we went for, although we missed out on Rothmans Medal winner Paul Harris.

"We covered the loss of Jeff Oliver by acquiring Yaka Banovic, and although we are still two players short, we will soon have centre-back Derek Bradshaw from York City and Andy O'Dell a midfielder from Darlington with us.

"The lads know that they have to play for their places all the time, we only field the best eleven all the time, and we are gradually building a great spirit in the dressing room, which is very very important if you are to foster team spirit.

"I know that a lot of State League Clubs are fearful of relegation and there is a defensive atmosphere around, but we don't play defensively, we all go out in attack, as our thirteen goals to date demonstrate"

Whether Heidelberg can win the championship or not is a moot point, but one thing is certain, the Bergers are back in business in a big way.

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Barkers Westgate clash

TWO undefeated teams Mooroolbark and Westgate clash in the match of the day in Division One on Saturday.

Of the games played on Sunday, the clash between Albion, which has maximum points from its first two games, and Knox City, who has lost both of its games, should provide a tough encounter.

In Division Two matches, top of the table Yarraville takes on second place Ringwood United in what should prove to be a good clash of two attacking teams.

Doveton is at home to Prahran/Brighton in a game which could prove to be quite a tussle as both teams battle to catch up to Yarraville who already have a one-point lead after two rounds.

The clash between Coburg and Hawthorn should prove to be the best game in Division Three on Saturday. Moorabbin City takes on Geelong with both teams having maximum points after two rounds.

In Division Four, top-of-the-table Bentleigh takes on mid-table East Brunswick/Ivanhoe with both teams attacking style of Soccer likely to result in plenty of goalmouth action.

NEW TEAM

A new team in Amateur League is Furlan United, formed by the amalgamation of former amateur club Old Paradians with former Industrial League team, Fogolar Furlan.

The team is based at the Italian Fogolar Furlan Social Club in Thornbury, where it has excellent facilities — soon to have new change rooms.

Wearing the same strip of its sister club, Udinese, which toured Australia in 1985, Furlan is looking to the future where it hopes to emulate the feats of Italian backed soccer club, Bulleen Veneto.

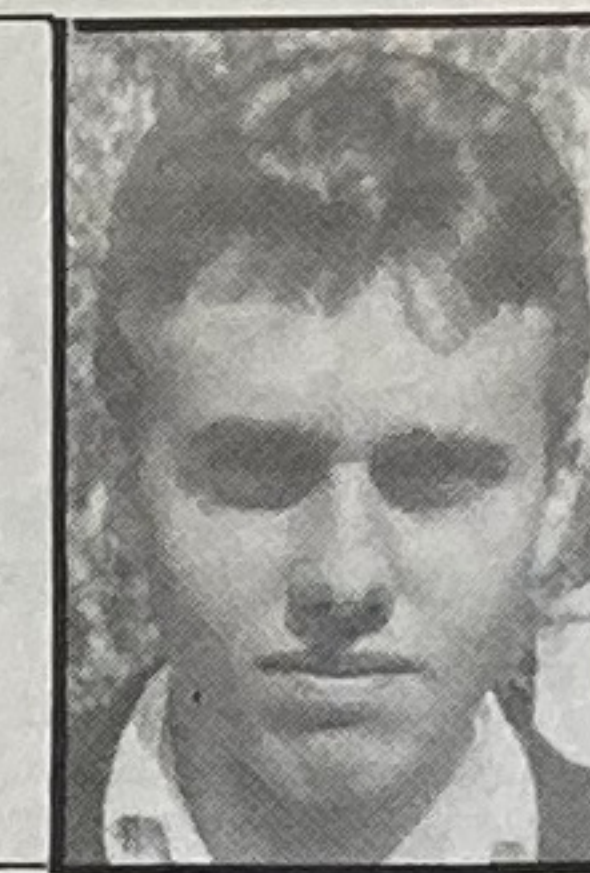
President Tony Martinis and the rest of the committee have worked hard over recent months in order to get the team rolling both on and off the field, and their hard work has shown up in their considering that the team has forty players in its books, as well as strong financial support from many sponsors.

A lot of work has gone into getting the team prepared for this season, and now it can boast facilities and an administration which would put many Provisional League clubs to shame.

According to both vice-president Anthony Sticca and Secretary Sergio Pianalto, it is now just a matter of the players making all their hard work pay off.

Treasurer Ivo Scapin said those who had contributed financially to the team with special regards to the "Udinese Club", would best be repaid with good performances on the field.

Victorian League Round-up with ANGELO STICCA



Pre-season form proved to be encouraging, and with the season having just kicked off, it appears that a team with a bright future has just been born.

83 GOALS

Round Two of Victorian League produced 83 goals in a round which saw many teams establish themselves as teams to beat in the race to the championship.

In Division One, Altona Gate continued on from its fine performance last week to defeat Sunbury United 2-0, with goals going to Ristovski and Asimovski.

Ossie Latif scored again for Albion as it recorded a 2-1 victory over first round winners, Dandenong.

Mooroolbark demolished Nunawading City 5-2 with the help of Groenewald who scored a hatrick to help secure two points for the Barkers.

In Division Two, Doncaster Rovers recorded its second consecutive nil-all draw as it split the points with Heidelberg City. Port Melbourne defeated Doveton 3-2 in a high scoring game, as did North Geelong over Altona City. Goals to Toro and Sakariasis gave Yarraville a 2-0 win over Prahran/Brighton.

Division Three matches produced 25 goals, with Bell Park and Hawthorn producing a 3-all draw. A goal to Gosevski and an own goal gave Corio-Geelong United the all important winner as it defeated Moreland Park Rangers 2-1, with Sacco scoring for the Rangers. Seaford United easily disposed of Clarinda 4-1, with Wall scoring two goals to bring his tally after two rounds to five goals, following on from his hatrick last week.

Division 4 matches saw Boronia defeat East Bruns/Ivan 3-2 in a high scoring and entertaining game. Toumzou scored twice for Bentleigh Greens in its 2-0 victory over Chelsea, and Rosanna went down 0-1 to Holland Park, with Ilhan scoring the solitary goal for the winners.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE Division One Westgate 3 Knox City 1; Knox City (away team).

WESTGATE: D. Lacok, J. Daperis, E. Petrov, B. Jovic, M. Ferrer, P. Gasco, N. Gelic, Z. Pasoski, G. Alfonno, A. Marghet, S. Gadsby, J. Valles, G. Orfanidis. KNOX CITY: C. MacKay, Loy Saisi, N. Murray, J. Williams, R. Sinclair, G. Bakker, H. McCann, Lucio Saisi, P. Lutgens, D. Brogan, P. Jamieson, D. Nelson, N. Pate.

Westgate with 2 goals in the second half deserved their 3-1 win over Knox City.

Both sides scored in the first half in what was an even contest, only marred by a poor decision in not calling Westgate 1st goal offside.

The contributing factor in Westgate's win was the good play of their mid-field players in retaining possession and getting forward to assist the forwards at every opportunity.

Good players were, Westgate — Gelic, Petrov and Pasoski, Knox City — Jamieson and Loy Saisi.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE: 4th Division Boronia 3 v East Brunswick/Ivanhoe C. 2

BORONIA: S. Robins, I. Williamson, G. Hobson, D. Milosevic, K. White, C. Whyte, D. Fisher, D. Bain, G. Radcliffe, W. Gorenewald, P. Strachan, C. Langdon. Coach: Ian Williamson.

EAST BRUNSWICK/IVANHOE: R. Mezzadra, P. Cassai, A. Muccio, S. Manni, S. Rocciolotti, T. Solak, M. Cosentino, V. Montemurro, P. Caprioli, R. Santangelo, R. Savio, S. Montesavo. Coach: N. Bernini.

Boronia opened brightly with a goal by David Fisher in the 3rd minute from a through pass by Darren Bain from the half way line.

The visitors replied with a soft give-away goal at 21 minutes by P. Caprioli.

Within a few seconds of resuming after half time R. Santangelo put the visitors ahead with another soft goal.

Almost immediately Boronia's Gary Radcliffe made the score 2-2.

A few minutes later Philip Strahan put Boronia 3-2 in front from a free kick set piece move.

The last half hour was tough end-to-end stuff featuring many corners, red cards, yellow cards, injuries and player changes all in front of referees inspector Arthur Klieberg running an eye over referee of the day, Ron Dixon.

Best three for Boronia — Bain, Hobson, Radcliffe. Reserves best three in a scoreless draw were — Bowker, Desmond and Brett.

The Boronia reserves held the opposition well but could not convert their many chances.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE Division Two Heidelberg City v Doncaster Rovers

HEIDELBERG CITY: M. Barbas, G. Delcampio, J. Gopez, G. Gopez, A. Gaetan, I. Barca, A. Salvo, L. Machuca, N. Paras, G. Figueroa DeMuro, M. Kassis, A. Sosa, A. Perez, L. Salvo.

DONCASTER ROVERS: H. Graham, J. Pucovski, M. M. Tsambikos, N. Skinner, I. Humble, R. Tolmie, R. Nicolidis, G. Talia, M. Sowards, R. Twine, N. Fernandes, P. Brennan, P. Spicer, K. Kalifatidis.

From the resultant free kick Tolmie could only manage to hit a defender and win a corner.

Kalifatidis brought himself on to try to bring some firing power to the Rovers attack but was let down by some poor service from his mid-fielders.

Final score Doncaster 0, Heidelberg 0.

It took at least ten minutes for Doncaster to get used to the cow paddock conditions at Heidelberg.

Rovers abandoned trying to play the ball on the ground and followed Heidelberg's tactics by punting the ball into their opponents' goalmouth hoping that a defender or keeper would misjudge the uneven bounce.

Doncaster dominated the first half attacking up both wings, with Paul Spicer being the most effective player in attack constantly crossing the ball into Heidelberg's goal.

Rovers "Big John" Twine and Jan Pucovski tried gallantly to break down the Heidelberg defence but were foiled by clever defensive work by Gopez, Gaetan and Klieberg running an eye over referee of the day, Ron Dixon.

Nicolidis who replaced Talia cleared a shot by Figueroa DeMuro off the Rovers goalline and quickly led the Rovers revival by nearly scoring soon after.

Barbas who looked unsettled in the Heidelberg goal was lucky to come away with a yellow card after felling Fernandes in his six yard area.

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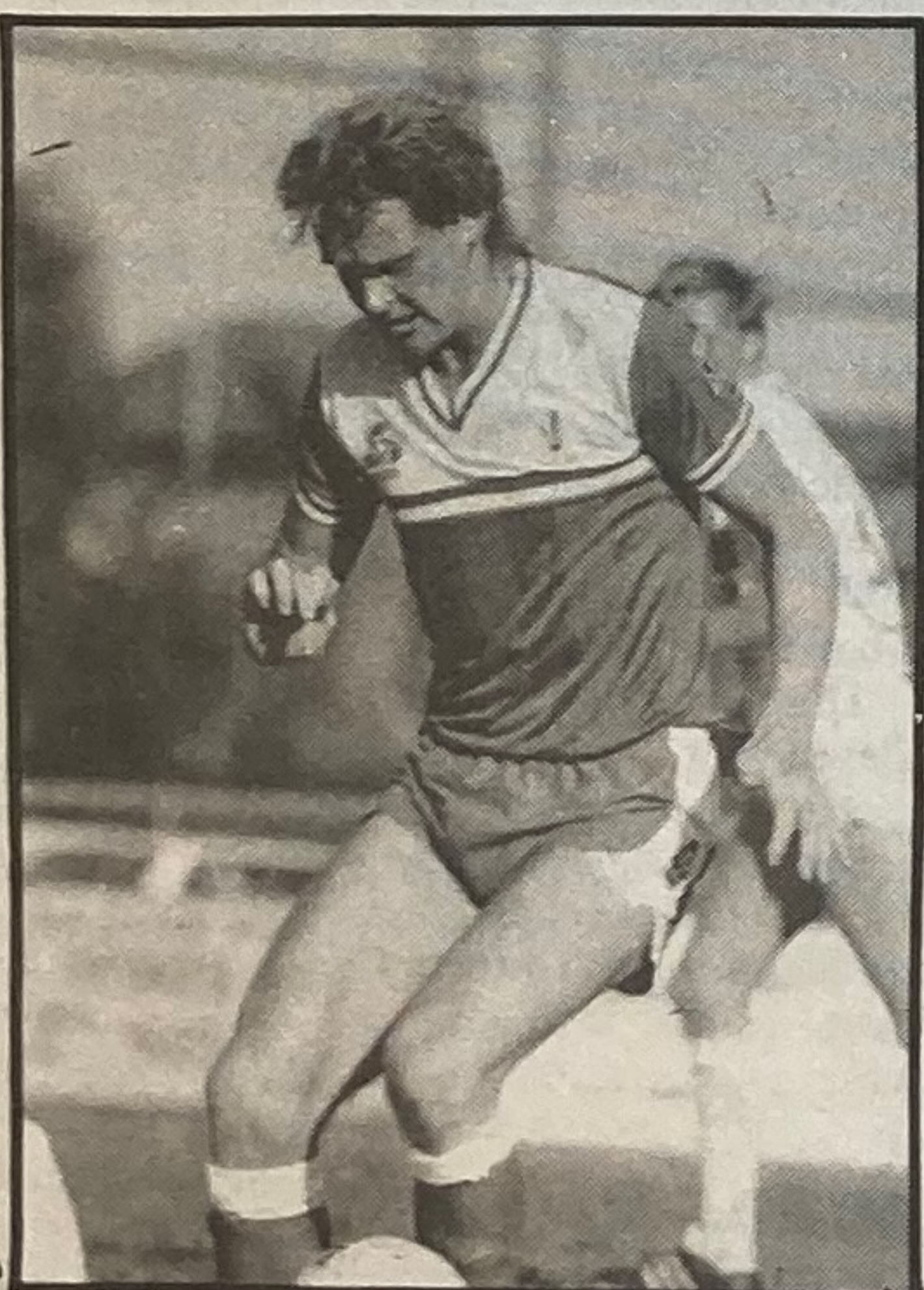
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